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A Boot in 'National Interest'

GAMAL ABDEL NASSER, Egypt's president, has shined up his boot and kicked the United States squarely in the teeth again.

This comes right on the heels of our government renewing surplus wheat shipments to the United Arab Republic. This action was ordered by President Johnson who said it was in our national interest to do so.

HERE'S HOW OUR "national interest" has just been affected: relations with the U.A.R. have just taken a new turn for the worse. President Nasser has publicly charged Washington with making "astonishing" demands on his government in return for U.S. aid. The U.A.R. government news agency has accused Bruce Taylor Odell, 27, political attache of the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, of being an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and said he got information harmful to Egypt's secu-

rity from Cairo editor Mustafa Amin, who was arrested recently.

Nasser also told a downtown Cairo rally that the U.A.R. faced "many political and economic pressures from the United States." The crowd cheered as Nasser asked "Why not simply announce our country was an American colony?"

IT WILL BE remembered that the last time U.A.R. and U.S. relations reached such a bad point, crowds were stirred up and wound up wrecking our Information Agency, Nasser told us where we could go and other acts were perpetuated against our country.

Now Mr. Nasser is rabblerousing again and it would come as no surprise to see new acts against America. Whether or not this comes about, one thing is sure. If this type action by Mr. Nasser is in the "national interest" of the U.S., we better forget about that interest.

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